



Minutes of the
City Commission for the City of Traverse City
Study Session
January 27, 2014

A study session of the City Commission of the City of Traverse City was called to order at the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 6 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Michael Estes, Mayor Pro Tem James Carruthers, Barbara D. Budros, Jeanine Easterday, Gary Howe, Ross Richardson, Tim Werner.

The following Commissioners were absent: None.

Mayor Michael Estes presided at the meeting.

1. Consideration of trial and settlement strategy in connection with litigation associated with the Brown Bridge Dam Deconstruction Project.

Moved by Richardson, seconded by Budros, that the City Commission enter into closed session immediately to consider trial and settlement strategy in connection with litigation associated with Brown Bridge Dam Deconstruction Project (Case Number 13-29769-CZ Grand Traverse County Circuit Court).

Roll Call:

Yes – Budros, Easterday, Howe, Richardson, Werner,
Carruthers, Estes.

No – None.

CARRIED unanimously.

The City Commission entered into closed session at 6:02 p.m.

The City Commission returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

2.

Discussion regarding Brownfield incentives in connection with the Corridors Master Plan.

The following addressed the Commission:

Jered Ottenwess, City Manager
Jean Derenzy, Grand Traverse County Planning and Development Deputy Director

3.

Discussion regarding implementation status of the Bayfront Plan.

The following addressed the Commission:

Jered Ottenwess, City Manager
Russell Soyering, City Planning Director
Tim Ervin, NorthSky Nonprofit Network Consultant
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street
Marsha Smith, 529 Washington Street

4.

Discussion regarding leasing the city-owned building at 517 Wellington Street for potential services to the homeless population.

The following addressed the Commission:

Jered Ottenwess, City Manager
Peter Starkel, Safe Harbor and Goodwill Homeless Street Outreach Program
Elizabeth Whelan, 422 Webster Street, Boardman Neighborhood Association
Robin Pearson, 523 Webster Street
Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

Tom Emmott, 617 Lincoln
John Cunningham, 145 East Twelfth Street
Mike McDonald, 10843 Talon Court, Peninsula Township, Past Chairman of
Safe Harbor Steering Committee
Ryan Hannon, 3753 South Airport Road West, Garfield Township,
Homeless Outreach Coordinator for Goodwill Industries and Safe Harbor
Steering Committee Chairperson
John Daniels, 601 Bloomfield Road
Jim Dickson, 5145 Arrowhead Court, Acme Township, Safe Harbor

5.

Announcements from the Deputy City Clerk.

The following addressed the Commission:

Katie Lowran, Deputy City Clerk

6.

Public Comment.

The following addressed the Commission:

Rick Buckhalter, 932 Kelley Street

There being no objection, Mayor Estes declared the meeting adjourned at
8:38pm.

Katie Lowran
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____, _____
(Date) (Initials)